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Amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (thrice amended) A condensed pyridine compound represented by the following formula, its pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrates thereof

$$R^{1}$$
 $(CH_{2})_{n}$
 R^{2}

wherein,

R¹ represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group or a lower alkoxyl group;

R² represents a 4-morpholinyl group, a 1-imidazolyl group, a 1-lower alkyl homopiperazin-4-yl group or a group selected from the groups represented by the following formulae:

$$+N$$
 $T-R^4$
 $+N$
 R^5
 $-N$
 $=N$

(wherein, T represents a nitrogen atom or a methine group;

R³ represents a hydrogen atom;

R⁴ represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a hydroxy lower alkyl group, a halogenated lower alkyl group, a lower cycloalkyl group, an aryl group,

an aralkyl group, 1-piperidyl group, an alkenyl group, a cyano lower alkyl group, a carbamoyl lower alkyl group, a lower acyl group, an aromatic acyl group, a lower alkoxyl carbonyl group, an aryloxycarbonyl group or an aralkyloxycarbonyl group;

R⁵ and R⁶ are the same as or different from each other and each represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a di lower alkyl aminoalkyl group, an optionally substituted heteroaryl lower alkyl group);

n represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 6; and

B represents an optionally substituted aryl group, an optionally substituted heteroaryl group, an optionally substituted aralkyloxy group, an aryl(hydroxy)alkyl group, an aromatic acyl amino group, an arylsulfonylamino group, a lower alkoxyl arylsulfonylamino group, a hydroxy lower alkoxyl styryl group, a lower alkoxyl aryloxy group, 4-phenylpiperidin-1-yl group, 4pyridylpiperidin-1-yl group, an optionally substituted arylalkenyl group, an optionally substituted arylalkynyl group, an optionally substituted heteroarylalkenyl group, an optionally substituted heteroarylalkynyl group, an aromatic acyl alkynyl group, an optionally N-substituted amino lower alkyl group, an optionally substituted arylamino group, an optionally substituted aralkylamino group or a group selected from the groups represented by the following formulae:

$$\begin{pmatrix}
O \\
(C H_2)p
\end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix}
R^{14}
\end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix}
NH
\end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{array}{c}
CH_2 \\
R^{16}
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
R^{19}
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
R^{20}
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R^{21}
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R^{22}
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R^{22}
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R^{25}
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R^{26}
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R^{27}
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R^{27}
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R^{29}
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R^{29}
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$$\begin{array}{c}
R^{29}
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$$\begin{array}{c}
R^{20}
\end{array}$$

(wherein p represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 6;

R¹³, R¹⁴, R¹⁶, R¹⁷, R¹⁸, R¹⁹, R²⁰, R²¹, R²², R²³, R²⁵, R²⁷ and R²⁹ independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a hydroxy lower alkyl group, a hydroxy lower alkoxy group or tetrahydropyranyl group;

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R²⁴ represents a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group;

R²⁶ represents a hydrogen atom or a hydroxy lower alkyl group;

R²⁸ represents a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group;

R³⁰ represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a hydroxy lower alkyl group or a hydroxy lower alkoxy group;

W represents sulfur atom or oxygen atom; and

the bond represented by the following formula:

represents a single or double bond;

provided that: when n represents 0, B is not naphthyl; when n represents 0 and R² is 1-imidazole, B is not phenyl; and when n represents 0 and R² is 4-methylpiperazin-1-yl, B is not bromophenyl, chlorophenyl, methoxyphenyl, or tolyl.

Attached hereto is a marked up version showing the changes made to the application by this Amendment.